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In another development, Mark Lane, Ray's attorney, continued his attacks Tuesday on the House committee, calling for the disbarment of its general counsel, G. Robert Blakey, and of its deputy counsel, Michael Eberhardt.

Lane told reporters that Blakey, Eberhardt and Conrad Baetz, a staff investigator who is based in Madison County, Ill., had "suborned perjury, criminally received stolen property, monitored and tape-recorded telephone conversations and violated their own rules."

The charges were similar to those Lane made recently in St. Louis at a news conference with Oliver Patterson, a Black Jack, Mo., man who says that he informed on Jerry Ray, a brother of Ray, for the committee. Patterson alleges that he secretly tape-recorded telephone conversations with Jerry Ray, stole some letters sent to Jerry Ray by James Earl Ray, and even stole strands of Jerry Ray's hair — all at the behest of Baetz.

The allegations prompted Blakey to begin an investigation. Last week, he announced that the preliminary finding was that committee staff had done nothing illegal.

But Lane said Tuesday that the committee had not checked with the persons making the allegations — Patterson, himself or Susan Wadsworth, a Florissant woman who says she participated with Patterson in some of his activities. Therefore, Lane said he was mystified by the clean bill of health. In addition, Patterson said Tuesday he had taken — and passed — a polygraph test on all his statements. He said he had requested the test last week of Chris Gugas, whom he identified as former head of the American Polygraph Association.

Patterson made public an affidavit in which he said Baetz had "spent a lot of time at my house, playing the pinball machine, watching pornographic films and urging me to get one of the girls in the film to my house so that he might have sexual intercourse."

"He was so persistent and so insistent that one day, while Baetz was at my house, I did call the young woman. She came over to the house, and Baetz and she had intercourse in the bedroom next to the room that I was occupying."

Lane told reporters that he thinks "the evidence points to the FBI" as conspirators in a plot to kill King.

Lane also alleged that the committee hired a second St. Louis-area man to inform on Jerry Ray. He asked that the man's name not be disclosed.

Lane said the man had been hired by Baetz and Melvin Waxman, a committee investigator, to find out how Jerry Ray would react to a committee subpoena. The committee wanted to know, Lane said, if Jerry Ray would plead the Fifth Amendment, who his lawyer was and anything else the man could find out about Jerry Ray.

The man was asked to get the same information on J.B. Stoner, a Georgia businessman and staunch segregationist. In an effort to carry out the assignment, the alleged informant went to Stoner's house in the Atlanta area and talked both to Stoner and Jerry Ray, Lane said.

Lane showed a reporter a copy of a \$169 check made out to the man on what appeared to be a House account. Lane said the \$169 represented \$50 pay plus expenses.